

How Does the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act Lead & Copper Rule Affect Me?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) recently published the Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR) to enhance public health protections by requiring the removal of lead service lines from public water systems. As part of this revision, water systems must develop an inventory of all drinking water service lines and inform consumers about the type of service line supplying their property. If you are a customer, you may have recently received a letter from our system containing this information.

What is the Lead Service Line Inventory?

The public water system/city developed a list describing the composition material of the service lines they serve. The categories used are confirmed Lead, Non-Lead, Galvanized Requiring Replacement (GRR) or Unknown service line material.

How did the Public Water System determine my property's service line material?

The Public Water System reviewed historical data regarding the property. When they had legal authority or permission, they identified the material of the line by visual inspection or replacement records provided by the owner/city. Further efforts will be required to identify lines currently classified as unknown material.

Who might contact me concerning information about my home service line material?

Our system may perform this work with our own system employees, or we may contract engineering firms or third-party contractors to complete this work to improve our service line inventory. Some ways you'll be contacted include:

- An engineering firm or a public water system representative might do an in-person visit to assist you with the service line material identification process, if permitted.
- You may receive a letter with a guide to help you identify your service line material, along with clear instructions on how to report your findings to the public water system.

Where can I find the contact information for my public water system/water utility?

You can find their contact information on your water utility bill, social media and/or the city's official website.

How can I test for Lead in my drinking water?

- Contact your water supplier for detailed information and guidance.

- You can also contact the **NDDEQ Chemistry Laboratory** (701-328-6140) or another EPA-certified laboratory to request a lead testing kit.

For more information related to monitoring/testing, you can navigate through the following websites:

- **Minnesota Valley Testing Laboratories, Inc.** <http://www.mvtl.com/>
- **EPA Certified Drinking Water Testing Laboratories**
<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-03/state-cert-programs-certify-labs-to-conduct-drinking-water-analyses.pdf>

How can I request a blood lead test for my child?

If you're concerned about the health effects of lead exposure, a family doctor or pediatrician can assess the situation, determine whether a blood test is necessary, and provide guidance on the next steps to protect your health.

Contact your Public Water System/City Auditor if you need additional details related to:

- Cost of service line replacement
- Funding opportunities or financial aid for replacing service lines (if available)
- Service line replacement requirements
- Assistance and guidance with service line identification
- Reporting the results of your service line material
- City's Lead and Copper Rule work plan
- Service line inventory updates (if available)
- Copy of the 2024 Lead Service Line Inventory for the PWS/City